



SAND FIRE
APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Sand Fire is currently 1,280 acres with 100% containment. The fire is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Winslow, AZ and 8 miles northwest of Chevelon Canyon Lake on the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest. The fire started on April 22 and was human caused, it is currently under investigation.

Crews will continue to do mop-up, line patrol and suppression rehab on the fire perimeter Friday. A helicopter will also monitor the fire area in case of extreme weather conditions.

Temperature for Friday is expected to be 60-63 degrees, with 19-22% humidity. Winds from the southwest at 10-15 mph will change to the northwest with gusts of 25 mph in the afternoon. A chance of showers and thunderstorms is possible over the fire through the day.

The Arizona Complex Incident Management Team assumed control of the fire on Monday evening and will return control of the fire area back to the Black Mesa Ranger District on Friday morning.

Resources include 2 Type 1 crews, 2 Type 2 crews, 6 engines, 2 water tenders, 2 bull dozers, 1 Type 1 helicopter, and 1 Type 3 helicopter. There are 127 fire personnel currently assigned to the fire. Release of most crews and equipment should be completed by Friday evening.

There are no travel restrictions in the area and Forest Road 34 remains open. Motorists are asked to travel with caution in the area and to be aware of increased fire traffic.

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